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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1975.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS
FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1975. ARA, NEA, EUR, EA, PM,
IO AND EB DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

H - JENKINS, ACTING

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1. NEW CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCEDURES. WE HAVE ADVISED
ALL THE BUREAUS OF THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCEDURE
AND THE RESULTING ACCELERATED SCHEDULE FOR LEGISLATION.
THE NEW SCHEDULE OFFERS INTER ALIA THE PROSPECT OF THE '76
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SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL ARRIVING ON THE HILL BEFORE FINAL
ACTION IS TAKEN ON THE '75 BILL. SHOULD THIS OCCUR IT
COULD JEOPARDIZE THE STILL INCOMPLETE '75 BILL AND AFFECT

PROSPECTS FOR THE '76 BILL.

2. SECURITY ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE COMPLETED A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON OF THE HILL AND SENATE VERSION OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL. BOTH ARE, AS YOU KNOW, REplete WITH NEW RESTRICTIONS. WE WILL MEET WITH PM, AID AND OTHERS ON TUESDAY TO DISCUSS WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.

AF - EDWARD W. MULCAHY, ACTING

ANGOLA: OUR PRESS FRIENDS CONTINUE TO BE INSATIABLE. I SPENT A GOOD PART OF TODAY SPREADING OUR POLICY LINE ON ANGOLA IN BETWEEN WORKING ON TELEGRAMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ON ANGOLA. IN THE REMAINING HOUR I TOOK CARE OF THE REST OF AF'S BUSINESS.

FRIDAY: I WILL HELP BRIEF THE THREE-SERVICE MILITARY SURVEY TEAM WHICH LEAVES FOR GABON OVER THE WEEKEND.

ALL AF JOINS ME IN WISHING YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL 1976.

MR. ALDRICH.

--I CONFERRED AT LENGTH WITH KATZ AND OTHERS REGARDING STR CLAIMS TO NEGOTIATING JURISDICTION IN THE TRADE FIELD. IF STR CLAIMS ARE ALLOWED THERE WILL BE SERIOUS IMPINGEMENT ON THE PREROGATIVE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFLICT WILL REQUIRE DECISION BY THE PRESIDENT.

--ALDRICH RECEIVED A TELEPHONIC REQUEST FROM A LAWYER FOR GULF ASKING WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONSIDER GIVING GULF ANOTHER LETTER SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING THAT PAYMENT NOT BE MADE TO THE MPLA. CLEARLY GULF IS TRYING TO STRENGTHEN ITS LEGAL CASE AGAINST THE MPLA, SHOULD THAT GROUP WIN THE STRUGGLE IN ANGOLA, BY EVIDENCE THAT IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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THE USG, NOT GULF, THAT DECIDED NOT TO MAKE PAYMENT. AFTER CONSULTING AF (MR. MULCAHY), ALDRICH REPLIED THAT WE THOUGHT ANOTHER LETTER UNDESIRABLE AND THAT GULF'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 19 GAVE A SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR GULF TO SAY THAT THE USG DID NOT WANT THE PAYMENT TO BE MADE AND HAD REQUESTED GULF TO SUSPEND ITS OPERATIONS AND, IMPLICITLY, HAD APPROVED THE GULF ESCROW PAYMENT.

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